

**Listing of the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A receptacle comprising:  
a base;  
a passage having an end portion, the passage in communication with the base;  
wherein the end portion further comprises:  
a slot provided on a side of the end portion; and  
a closed top.
2. (Original) The receptacle of Claim 1, wherein the slot is configured to receive cigarettes.
3. (Original) The receptacle of Claim 2, wherein the slot has a width of less than one half inch.
4. (Original) The receptacle of Claim 3, wherein the slot has a length of less than two and one half inches.
5. (Original) The receptacle of Claim 1, wherein the slot has a width of at least one quarter inch.
6. (Original) The receptacle of Claim 1, wherein the slot is configured to receive cigars.

7. (Original) A receptacle comprising:
- a base having an upper portion and a lower portion, wherein the upper portion has at least a first width, and the lower portion has at least a second width, and wherein the second width is substantially equal to or wider than the first width;
- a passage having an end portion, the passage in communication with the base;
- wherein the end portion further comprises:
- a slot provided on a side of the end portion; and
- a closed top.
8. (Canceled)
9. (Canceled)
10. (Previously Presented) A receptacle comprising:
- a receptacle chamber;
- a passage having an end portion, the passage in communication with the receptacle chamber;
- wherein the end portion further comprises:
- a slot provided on a side of the end portion; and
- a closed top.
11. (Previously Presented) The receptacle of Claim 10, wherein the slot is provided in a vertical orientation.
12. (Canceled)
13. (Previously Presented) The receptacle of Claim 10, wherein the slot is sized to receive cigarettes.
14. (Previously Presented) The receptacle of Claim 10, wherein the slot has a length of less than two and one half inches and a width of less than one half inch.

15. (Canceled)
16. (Canceled)
17. (Canceled)
18. (Canceled)
19. (Previously Presented) The receptacle of Claim 10, wherein the slot is a rectangular slot.
20. (Previously Presented) The receptacle of Claim 19, wherein the rectangular slot comprises rounded ends.